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House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that although there may be other attempts during the remainder of this session, he feels that legislation to accelerate the executive pay reporting to the Congress is dead for this year. In brief, he feels that many considerations will be involved in treatment of the President's report to the Congress in January and the ability of the opponents to force the measure to a vote in the House. In his judgment the employee pay raise will be in the approximately 4.7% level but it is not certain yet whether it will be effective 1 October or 1 January. As for the Ervin bill, Representative Waldie (D., Calif.), Chairman, Subcommittee on Retirement and Employee Benefits, has been extremely busy both in the Committee and in his campaign for Governor. A member of the staff has been in constant contact with the Ervin Committee staff on the Senate on the bill. He does not see it moving, however, for the next month at least.

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Called Rich Gilmore, on the staff of the Multinational Corporations Subcommittee, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and told him that our people had looked into his area of interest with respect to the development of European standards and I had been advised that while we were aware of much that was going on in this field, it was not an activity that we were directly concerned with. Therefore, I suggested that he contact Jonathan Showe, Special Assistant in the office of the Special Trade Negotiator (telephone - 395-6971) and/or Michael Guhin, on the NSC staff (telephone -456-6963). Gilmore again expressed amazement that the Agency would be on the distribution of 16 copies of cable traffic on this subject if we had nothing more than a passing interest in it. He added that he had great confidence in the competency of our people as opposed to persons he had had contact with in other agencies and would hope that he could still talk with some of our folks in the general area of the trade talks and European procurement. He asked if I would pursue this area with the people I had talked with to see if someone could be available to talk with him. Maurice Ernst, OER, has suggested that I get a list of questions from Gilmore so that we could refer him to the appropriate people here.

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